

Foreman Report
December 2015

Roads

- December was warm and we were able to clean most of the leaves out of the storm gutters downtown. This should help move the water of the road in both, the spring runoff and the rain that we have been receiving.
- Approximately 30 feet of shoulder was dug up and repacked on Black Shanty Rd. The road in this area appears to have a void under it and is starting to dip. The cause of this is unknown at this time, but my speculation is that the swamp surrounding this area is starting to undermine the road. The improved shoulder will help support the road as we continue to monitor it. The county will be out in the spring to further analyze it and decide what should be done, if anything. As with all work on the county road, all of our time and materials will be billed to Ashland County.
- The warm weather and rain wreaked havoc on our dirt roads in the beginning of December, not giving them a chance to dry out. Now that colder weather has settled in they appear to have held up as well as they could have. We will continue to let them freeze and get a little snow pack on them before plowing them.

Equipment

- A long list of small to-do items on the Fire Departments equipment was put together by Adam and will soon will be accomplished. The absence of a Lead Engineer is still a problem, I have suggested to Rick that the old position be brought back so simple things like exercising the trucks, checking tire pressure, and ensuring the equipment starts, gets done at least monthly. The compensation for this position was \$180/month which is still a fair rate, if the job description is edited. This can be discussed further with the Fire Dept., but should definitely not be swept under the rug.
- The Winter Transportation Van had its annual oil change and is ready if the lake freezes.

Parks

- The two handmade Joni's Beach signs were removed and will be cleaned up and repainted. They will be back in place by spring.
- We were able to dig a trench in the sand at BBTP to allow the water in the lagoon to release into the lake. In 24 hours our one foot trench grew to more than 50' wide and 3'-6' deep.

Administration

- I attended a Highway Safety class in Hayward. This class taught about correct sign placement, pavement painting, and general motorist safety. This past year we installed about \$1500 worth of retroreflective signs on North Shore Rd. In the spring we will continue to update and improve other signs on Main St., and the South Shore Rd. area.
- Our December safety meeting was "Dress for the job" conducted by William H.
- I filed our bi-annual WISLR report with WisDot. This reports to the state the condition of our pavement roads and is used to help the town plan for pavement maintenance.
- I will be on vacation starting December 28th through January 13th. The crew has been given what projects to work on, Evan will be in charge.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristian Larsen
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